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PROJECT CEASEFIRE

KC MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Bradley J. Schlozman, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for illegally possessing a firearm. Today's sentencing was part of Operation Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Theodus Jones, 26, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan this morning to four years and three months in federal prison without parole.

On Feb. 23, 2006, **Jones** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. **Jones** admitted that he was in possession of a Star, Bonifacio Echeverria S.A. .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol on April 9, 2005. Under federal law, Schlozman explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Jones** has 2005 and 2002 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance and a 1999 criminal felony conviction for unlawful use of a weapon.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelsen. It was investigated by the Lake Lotawana, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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